Special Programmes for the Youth

367. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the special programmes and schemes initiated or proposed for the youth during the International Youth Year 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): The International Youth Year 1985, is being celebrated in India as "Year of the Youth". The Year has provided the Government an opportunity to focus its attention on the situation of our youth and to initiate and intensify programmes for youth welfare and for channelisation of youth energy towards constructive activities. Youth programmes, therefore, include activities aimed at affording young people an opportunity to be better individuals and enabling them to contribute in the task of national development. Some of the programmes that might be mentioned in this context are: holding of national integration camps, activities aimed at creating awareness against social evils like dowry, casteism, drug abuse, etc., creating a climate in favour of nationally accepted values like pride in Indianness, secularism, democracy, etc., training of young people for self-employment, setting up of youth clubs, opening of more youth hostels, creating cultural awareness among young people, giving them an opportunity to participate in sports and games, and holding of voluntary work camps including afforestation programmes and other activities of eco-development.

Besides, strengthening the existing youth programmes, the Government of India is considering to inforduce some new schemes particularly for the benefit of rural youth to impart training to them with a view to accredit their functional capabilities. Mention may be made of the following proposed schemes during the Seventh Plan period:

(i) Scheme of Training of Youth;

(ii) Scheme of Financial Assistance to Youth Clubs; and

(iii) Scheme of Youth Award.

Agreement with Mizo National Front

368. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently entered into an agreement with Mizo National Front on the Insurgency problem;

(b) if so, what are the broad features of the agreement; and

(c) to what extent the agreement is likely to solve the twenty three year old insurgency problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) Talks with MNF delegation are still continuing.

Hindi Translators

369. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Official Language vide their O.M. No. 5|5|83-OL(S) dated the 15th March, 1984 had asked the Ministries|Departments to check and verify the particulars of their Senior Hindi Translators and Junior Hindi Translators as some of the departmental candidates have gained fortuitous seniority;

(b) whether some Ministries|Departments have pointed out the

discrepancies in response to the above O.M.;

(c) if so, the names of such Ministries/Departments;

(d) whether the Department of Official Language has reviewed the seniority lists keeping in view the discrepancies pointed out by the above Ministries/Departments;

(e) whether the revised seniority lists have been issued to the Ministries/Departments to enable the employees to verify their seniority; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A few Ministries/Departments have pointed out some discrepancies. List is enclosed. (*See below*):

(d) to (f) Information from some Ministries/Departments is still awaited. On receipt of information the remaining Ministries/Departments, the same would be scrutinised in the light of the facts furnished.

List of Ministries/Departments by whom discrepancies have been reported:

1. Ministry of Commerce.
2. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure.
3. Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies, Department of Food.
4. Ministry of Home Affairs.
5. Department of Personnel and Training.
6. Registrar General of India.
7. Ministry of Labour, D.G., E&T.
8. Ministry of Irrigation., C.W.C.
9. Ministry of Works and Housing.
10. U.P.S.C.

US assurance on Pak Atom Bomb

370. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Government have assured the Prime Minister that they would prevent Pakistan from manufacturing an atom bomb as reported in a section of the press; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The US Government has indicated that it will do every thing it can to prevent Pakistan from making a nuclear weapon.

(b) In the context of concern about some aspects of Pakistan's nuclear programme, President Reagon had assured PM that the U.S.A. was doing all it can to discourage this programme, as also nuclear proliferation in the whole region.

Cultural and trade exchanges between India and China

371. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the scientific, educational, cultural and trade exchanges between the Peoples Republic of China and India during 1984 and first six months of 1985?